



BOLTON WANDERERS



*Diary of a
Season 1988-89*

AUGUST
1988



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Ian Stevens heads home the Wanderers equaliser against Rochdale. Former Bolton skipper Dave Sutton looks on.

Bolton paraded new boys Barry Cowdrill and Phil Brown for the first time, in a private practice game at West Brom, where a goalless draw resulted.

Phil Neal, having strengthened his defence, continued his search for a striker, but both Ron Futchter and Andy Garner chose moves to other clubs.

The Lancashire Manx Cup got under way with the Wanderers defeating Bury 1-0 at Burnden. Transfer listed Steve Elliott netted the all important goal for his first strike since he scored at Newport in November 1987. Mark Came was handed the captaincy after the departure of Dave Sutton to Rochdale.

The next Lancashire Cup tie took place at Oldham's Boundary Park, with opponents Wigan Athletic forfeiting home advantage due to their ground not being ready. A first half goal from John Thomas separated the sides, but Phil Neal was looking for a replacement for his top scorer, who was to miss the opening league game of the season because of suspension.

Reserve 'keeper Gareth Gray became the hero when he produced a vital match winning save in a dramatic penalty



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shoot out with Rochdale at Burnden. Gray, a late replacement for the injured Dave Felgate, blocked Geoff Lomax's penalty to see Bolton through to the final after the shoot out had gone into sudden death.

Earlier it needed a goal from Ian Stevens, three minutes from time, to save Bolton after Shaun Reid had headed Dale in front.

A 70th minute goal from John Thomas was enough to secure the Lancashire Manx Cup against Preston North End at Burnden. The victory gave the Wanderers the trophy for the first time since 1948 along with a £2,000 cheque.

For the big kick off it was a visit to the seaside at Southend but it was an unhappy return to the third division as the home side won 2-0. Danny O'Shea rifled home an unstoppable shot for their first in the 29th minute but they didn't sew it up until two minutes from time when David Crown broke clear.

Steve Elliott and Ian Stevens began the term as the strikeforce with John Thomas suspended and Trevor Morgan injured.

The Wanderers left no room for error with only a single goal success over Chester City, in the first leg of the first round of the Littlewoods Cup at Burnden. Julian Darby showed the poise of a goalscoring specialist as he steered a header accurately out of Billy Stewarts reach.



Back Row-left to right: Ian Callaghan, Gary Henshaw, Paul Hughes, Dave Felgate, Julian Darby, Ian Stevens, Chris O'Brien.
Middle Row: Phil Neal (Manager), Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Nicky Brookman, Gary Brown, Stuart Storer, Trevor Morgan, David McKerney, Robbie Savage, Jeff Chandler, Mick Brown (Coach), Phil Stock (Physio)
Front Row: John Thomas, Steve Elliott, Phil Brown, Mark Carne, Mark Winstanley, Dean Crambie, Barry Cowdrill, Steve Thompson.

SEPTEMBER
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Julian Darby's acrobatic goal against Cardiff City at Burnden.

The first league points of the season were put on the board after a 4-0 home success over Cardiff City. The game was developing into an intriguing contrast between two of the previous seasons promoted sides when the Welsh side lost Mark Kelly, for a late tackle on Julian Darby, after the winger had already been booked.

The second half saw Bolton cash in on their obvious advantage. John Thomas, Julian Darby and Gary Henshaw all found the net with Darby claiming the fourth when he deflected a Henshaw shot.

Bolton's Littlewoods Cup jinx struck again amid scenes of controversy when Chester won 3-1 at Sealand Road to go through 3-2 on aggregate.

For the second season in succession, serious injury struck at the same stage of the competition, when Mark Came suffered a broken leg, Jeff Chandler being lost in the same luckless second leg stage against Wigan twelve months earlier.

Chris Lightfoot had scrambled Chester level on aggregate in the 20th minute before Mark Winstanley's attempted clearance flew straight into his own net over the helpless



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Dave Felgate. Barry Cowdrill levelled the aggregate with his first goal for the club but a near post header from Graham Barrow sealed the Wanderers fate.

Phil Neal moved swiftly to replace the unfortunate Came by signing Glenn Keeley just 21 hours after he had played at Burnden for Oldham in a Central League fixture. He made his debut in a 1-1 draw at Reading where it needed a 35 yard volley from Billy Whitehurst for the Biscuitmen to level a John Thomas goal. Phil Brown took over the captaincy as 'keeper Dave Felgate registered his 100th appearance for the club.

A week later Brown opened his scoring record for the club only three minutes into a 1-1 home draw with Bristol Rovers. Geoff Twentyman headed a 69th minute equaliser but Rovers finished with ten men when Vaughan Jones was sent off late in the game.

It needed a goal five minutes into injury time from Trevor Morgan to secure Bolton a 3-2 home win over Fulham in a game they tried to throw away. Goals from Robbie Savage and Steve Thompson looked to have cleared Phil Brown, whose poor back pass had allowed Andy Sayer in to put the Londoners in front. Then, in the 87th minute, Thompson blundered to let in Gary Peters but their celebrations were premature.

The first away success of the season came at Aldershot. Ian Stevens, a replacement for the injured John Thomas, netted twice with Nicky Brookman also opening his account for the season.

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Steve Thompson's second goal against league leaders Sheffield United.

The Wanderers climbed into third place on the opening day of the month after a defeat of league leaders Sheffield United at Burden, becoming the first team of the season to deny the United attack a goal.

Steve Thompson converted a 26th minute penalty after Paul Stancliffe had brought down Ian Stevens. Six minutes into the second half Stevens laid the ball off for Thompson to slam home the second.

For the second time in six months the Wanderers went down by a single goal to Swansea City at The Vetch Field in a farce of a game played on a waterlogged pitch. After a torrential downpour either side of half time, the match became nothing more than a lottery. The decisive goal came in the 67th minute when a snap shot from Robbie James took a cruel deflection to give Swansea their first home win of the season.

Bolton twice held the lead in a Lancashire derby with Blackpool at Burden but finally had to settle for a point. They got off to a flier when Trevor Morgan headed home after only 45 seconds. Tony Cunningham headed home the Seasiders equaliser in the 30th minute but three minutes



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into the second half Steve Thompson converted a penalty after Ian Stevens had been brought down. On the hour Steve Morgan's free kick flew into the net for a second equaliser from a set piece move.

League leaders Port Vale needed nine minutes of added time from referee Bob Hamer to score a winner that gave them their first ever victory over the Wanderers. David Riley gave Vale a 25th minute lead before Nicky Brookman equalised for the Wanderers, who then produced some of their most entertaining football of the season. Sadly they couldn't turn their dominance into goals and the home crowd cheered Ray Walkers late winner.

Bolton slipped to 14th place after a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Wolves. Trevor Morgan's looping header gave Bolton a 26th minute lead but the second half saw the visitors take command with goals from Robbie Dennison and Steve Bull.

The Wanderers took a point from a 1-1 draw with Wigan Athletic at Springfield Park. Both goals came in a frantic two minute spell with Nicky Brookman firing Bolton in front in the 67th minute and former Wanderer Wayne Entwistle equalising.

Bottom club Chesterfield were hit for five at Burnden a day after management team Phil Neal and Mick Brown had each signed two year contracts. Trevor Morgan and Phil Brown both struck twice and Ian Stevens also found the target against a managerless Chesterfield team. 48 hours after the resounding victory Bolton learned that Chesterfield would be the visitors in the first round of the F.A. Cup.

NOVEMBER
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Nicky Brookman nets the winner against Northampton Town at Burnden.

Bolton never looked like ending their dismal run of results against Bristol City at Ashton Gate, when they took a first half battering, yet were only behind to a tenth minute Rob Newman goal. The Wanderers scrapped the sweeper system and produced a much better second half performance in which Trevor Morgan hit an equaliser.

Morgan made it four goals in three games with a sensational match winning goal against Huddersfield Town at Leeds Road. His firmly struck shot on the hour completed a copy book move that began with some positive passing play down the right hand side.

Bury made the Wanderers pay a heavy price for a number of defensive errors as they won the local derby 4-2 at Burnden. The Shakers found themselves three up in the 46th minute, all the goals coming from slip ups, two being credited to former Wanderer Steve Elliott, whilst Gary Leonard netted the softest of goals to open his Bury account. A goal from Phil Brown put the Wanderers back in the frame but a Liam Robinson penalty ended any comeback hopes although Steve Thompson reduced the arrears with a crisply struck free kick ten minutes from time.



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Phil Neal's prophecy that Chesterfield would be no pushover in the opening round of the F.A. Cup proved accurate when the Derbyshire side drew 0-0 at Burnden.

The Wanderers had to come from behind to record their first ever league success over Northampton Town at Burnden. Paul Culpin fired Town in from three minutes from the interval and it needed second half goals from Ian Stevens and Nicky Brookman to secure the points.

Bolton found themselves two down to Chesterfield at Saltergate with only half an hour remaining of the first round F.A. Cup replay. A simple Andy Morris tap in and a free header into an empty net had given the home side the advantage whilst the Wanderers toiled to get their game together.

Ian Stevens then got an all important confidence booster for Bolton with a lob over veteran 'keeper Jim Brown. The worst defence in the football league began to crumble and substitute Stuart Storer headed home an equaliser. Five minutes from time Julian Darby fastened onto a Nicky Brookman pass and sent a left foot shot home for an exciting winner.

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DECEMBER
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Glenn Keeley head Bolton in front against Port Vale in the F.A. Cup.

Bolton gave the woodwork a hard time as they attempted to wipe out a 19th minute goal by Richard Cadette for Brentford at Griffin Park. Steve Thompson and Mark Winstanley both saw efforts strike the bar but second half goals from Barry Evans and Cadette gave the Londoners a 3-0 win. Jeff Chandler made his first appearance of the term coming on as substitute for Stuart Storer.

The Wembley trail began with a 1-0 defeat of Preston North End at Burnden in the Sherpa Van Trophy qualifying round. It needed a last minute penalty from Steve Thompson to secure victory in a game that saw 17 years old Mike Jeffrey make his first team debut.

In the second round of the F.A. Cup, Port Vale laid a long standing ghost of seasons past by winning at Burnden Park. The woodwork and Vale 'keeper Mark Grew came to the rescue when the Wanderers were in complete control. A close range header from Glenn Keeley was all Bolton had to show for their domination and in the 58th minute Ron Futchter equalised. Robbie Earle stabbed home Vale's winner ten minutes later, yet he was lucky to still be on the pitch at



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all after he had earlier struck Steve Thompson—an action that went unnoticed by the referee. Peter Barnes made a reappearance in a Bolton shirt when he came on as substitute for Robbie Savage.

A week later the Wanderers went down, again at home, when a 70th minute goal from Carl Dale gave Chester City the points. A last minute winner from Liam Robinson for Bury couldn't stop Wanderers booking themselves a place in the knockout stage of the Sherpa Van Trophy, but the defeat cost them home advantage against Preston.

In a bid to solve the clubs attacking problems Nigel Jemson was signed on a month's loan from Nottingham Forest. He made his debut against his former club Preston at Deepdale on Boxing Day where Bolton went down 3-1. Adrian Hughes and Tony Ellis gave North End a first half lead but a 52nd minute strike from Robbie Savage put the Wanderers back in the game. Unfortunately a clinical goal from old boy Warren Joyce sewed up the points for the home side.

December ended without any league points being gained when a 2-0 reverse was suffered at Notts County on New Years Eve. Both their goals came in the first half, from Gary Lund and Nicky Law, to record their first home win in three months. To add to the disappointment Steve Thompson saw his penalty saved by Micky Leonard ten minutes from time.

The pressure that the Wanderers were under to fight for third division respectability began to show when Robbie Savage and Nicky Brookman were placed on the transfer list, along with Gary Henshaw who was listed at his own request.

JANUARY
1989



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Gary Henshaw puts the Wanderers in front against Reading.

The New Year began with two home games which at last put some much needed league points on the board. Firstly the clubs 300th third division game ended scoreless when Mansfield Town survived a grandstand finish by Bolton that almost snatched victory.

Then relegation candidates Gillingham were beaten 2-1 in a Friday evening fixture switched due to the Rugby League John Player Special Trophy Final at Burnden the following day.

Wingers Jeff Chandler and Stuart Storer ripped the Gills defence apart but the visitors put in a strong finish and Bolton lived dangerously. Ian Stevens hit the first and Steve Thompson smacked in the second from a penalty after a handball incident. Gavin Peacock brought the Gills back into the game with a simple tap in after 67 minutes.

Bolton again went down to a single goal defeat in South Wales, this time at Cardiff City, when a 58th minute goal from Kevin Bartlett gave the home side three vital points.

Julian Darby's parting shot before starting a two match suspension was to net the only goal of the game against



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Preston, on Deepdale's plastic pitch, in the Sherpa Van Trophy. His 15 yard strike in the 61st minute put the Wanderers in the last 16 of the Northern Section of the competition.

Gary Henshaw fired Bolton in front ten minutes into the second half of the home encounter with Reading. They threatened to increase their lead with a series of promising raids but some slack defence failed to clear a corner in the 75th minute and Martin Hicks chipped in an equaliser.

John Thomas, back after a three months injury lay off, barged 'keeper Gary Phillips into the back of the net, Nat Lofthouse style, in the second half but the 'goal' was disallowed.

Dave Felgate earned tributes from all quarters for his performance in the Wanderers 2-0 defeat at Bristol Rovers. Andy Reece slammed Rovers in front in the 19th minute and although they didn't net a decisive second until twenty minutes from time through Devon White, it was a poor Wanderers performance.

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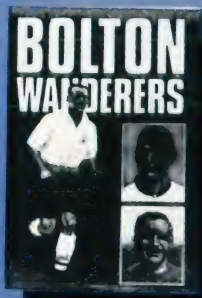
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FEBRUARY
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Robbie Savage watches his vital goal enter the net against Swansea City.

Crisis point was reached in the first week of February when the Wanderers went down 4-0 to Sheffield United at Bramhall Lane. After a goalless first half, Tony Agana hit his 20th goal of the season to capitalise on a Glenn Keeley mistake, then Mark Winstanley turned a cross from Alan Roberts into his own net, before two penalties from Peter Duffield completed the rout.

Peter Barnes, substituted in the 74th minute, was sensationally sacked after he tore his shirt off in protest as he left the field.

The Board of Directors faced a rising tide of public opinion for action to stop the slide and suddenly attention was focused off the field. The outcome was that Chairman, Barry Chaytow, left the club after failing to sack manager Phil Neal. He had been the only Director who wanted to axe Neal as the Wanderers, having won only four of their last twenty league games, were in 18th place in the table. Sam Jones stepped up as acting Chairman.

Three vital points were taken in the following game when transfer listed Robbie Savage headed home the only goal five minutes from time against Swansea City at Burnden.



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Final. Julian Darby struck home a 25 yard winner sixteen minutes from time but Blackpool's Russell Coughlin had been guilty of firing one of the wildest penalty kicks over the bar five minutes from the interval.

There was another fightback in the league, this time at Fulham, where Trevor Morgan equalised a Justin Skinner goal, but the Bolton forward missed the best chance of the game three minutes from time that would have secured victory.

A Wembley ticket was booked with a 1-1 draw at Blackpool in the second leg of the Sherpa Van Trophy Northern Final. It was done the hard way by Bolton in a game of two penalties.

In the 85th minute Andy Garner converted a spot kick for Blackpool, a controversial decision awarded against Mark Winstanley, but in the 22nd minute of extra time Steve Thompson fired home after Keith Walwyn had handled. The home side then finished with ten men when Garner was sent off for arguing.

After the respects were paid to the victims of the Hillsborough disaster a Rob Savage goal was enough to defeat lowly Aldershot at Burnden and three days later the clubs unbeaten run was stretched to 14 games with a 1-1 draw against Port Vale.

It needed a goal from Robbie Earle two minutes from time to deny Bolton the points after Jeff Chandler had scored his first league goal for over a year.

A scoreless draw at Bury rounded off the month where the home support was matched by the Wanderers travelling fans.



Julian Darby looks on as he sees his shot beat Blackpool goalkeeper Barry Siddall.

MAY
1989



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John Thomas nets the third goal against Huddersfield Town.

Bolton treated a shirt sleeved Bank Holiday crowd to a 3-1 success over Huddersfield Town at Burnden, Jeff Chandler and Trevor Morgan gave the Wanderers some breathing space before the Yorkshiremen came back with a penalty from Craig Maskell. John Thomas restored the advantage to relieve the tension.

Glenn Keeley was released by the club, not having figured in the first team plans since February, his destination being the United States where he planned to take up flying.

A 4-2 defeat of play off challengers Brentford at Burnden put the Wanderers into the top ten. Andy Ansah, a 19 years old debutant for the Londoners, twice netted in the first half but Bolton struck back to go in with a goal advantage at the interval.

John Thomas, Robbie Savage with the clubs 2500th post War league goal and Julian Darby were the first half goalgetters and Thomas scored his fifth in ten games in the 65th minute to kill off any Brentford hopes.



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The league season ended at Burnden with the re-arranged game against Wigan ending all square at 1-1, a result which assured Latics third division place. Stuart Storer put Bolton in front four minutes from half time and Dave Thompson equalised a quarter of an hour from the end.

The clubs chance of equalling their record of nineteen games without defeat looked to have gone when Tony Adcock and Paul Culpin gave Northampton a two goal advantage at the County Ground in the final league game of the season. Trevor Morgan set up goals for John Thomas and Stuart Storer before 'JT' produced one of his party pieces to curl a left foot shot into the net for the winner in the 89th minute.

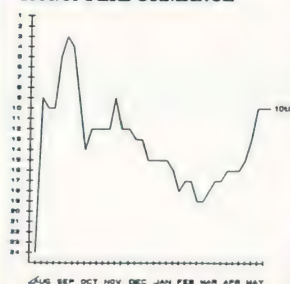
The first team took part in the final central league game of the season when Stuart Storer scored the only goal five minutes from time against Wigan at Burnden.

A new club record of twenty games without defeat was set at Wembley when once again the teams mettle was shown when they came from behind to defeat Torquay United 4-1 to secure the Sherpa Van Trophy.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	46	18	4	1	61	19	8	10	5	35	30	92
Sheff.Utd.	46	16	3	4	57	21	9	6	8	36	33	84
Port Vale	46	15	3	5	46	21	9	9	5	32	27	84
Fulham	46	12	7	4	42	28	10	2	11	27	39	75
Bristol R.	46	9	11	3	34	21	10	6	7	33	30	74
Preston	46	14	7	2	56	31	6	8	10	23	29	72
Brentford	46	14	5	4	36	21	4	9	10	30	40	68
Chester	46	12	6	5	38	18	7	5	11	26	43	68
Notts Co.	46	11	7	5	37	22	7	6	10	27	32	67
Bolton	46	12	8	3	42	23	4	8	11	16	31	64
Bristol C.	46	10	3	10	32	25	8	6	9	21	30	63
Swansea	46	11	8	4	33	22	4	8	11	18	31	61
Bury	46	11	7	5	27	22	5	6	12	28	45	61
Hudders'fd	46	10	8	5	35	25	7	1	15	28	48	60
Mansfield	46	10	8	5	32	22	4	9	10	16	30	59
Cardiff	46	10	9	4	30	16	4	6	13	14	40	57
Wigan	46	9	5	9	28	22	5	9	9	27	31	56
Reading	46	10	6	7	37	29	5	5	13	31	43	56
Blackpool	46	10	6	7	36	29	4	7	12	20	30	55
Northampton	46	11	2	10	41	34	5	4	14	25	42	54
Southend	46	10	9	4	33	26	3	6	14	23	49	54
Chesterfield	46	9	5	9	35	35	5	2	16	16	51	49
Gillingham	46	7	3	13	25	32	5	1	17	22	49	40
Aldershot	46	7	6	10	29	29	1	7	15	19	49	37

1988/89 PERFORMANCE



OTHER FIRST TEAM GAMES



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The winners of the 1988 Lancashire Manx Cup—40 years after the last success.

Lancashire Manx Cup

6th August, 1988 v Bury (H)

Won 1-0 Scorer: Elliott Att. 2,256

Team: Felgate, Brown (P), Cowdrill, Savage, Came, Winstanley, Henshaw, Thompson, Thomas, Elliott, Chandler. Subs: Stevens for Elliott, Darby for Chandler.

11th August, 1988 v Wigan Ath (at Boundary Park)

Won 1-0 Scorer: Thomas Att. 965

Team: Felgate, Brown (G), Cowdrill, Savage, Came, Winstanley, Crombie, Thompson, Thomas, Elliott, Darby. Subs: Brookman for Brown, Stevens for Thomas.

13th August, 1988 v Rochdale (H)

Drew 1-1 Won 5-4 on penalties

Scorer: Stevens Att. 2,423

Team: Gray, Brown (P), Cowdrill, Savage, Came, Winstanley, Henshaw, Thompson, Thomas, Elliott, Chandler. Subs: Stevens for Elliott, Brookman for Savage.

Final

16th August, 1988 v Preston North End (H)

Won 1-0 Scorer: Thomas Att. 5,757

Team: Felgate, Brown (P), Cowdrill, Brookman, Came, Crombie, Darby, Thompson, Thomas, Stevens, Chandler. Subs: Savage for Chandler

FIRST TEAM 1988/89



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Date	H/A	Opponent	F	A	Scorers	Att.
1. Aug. 27	A	Southend U.	0	2		4,075
2. Sep. 3	H	Cardiff C.	4	0	Thomas, Henshaw, Darby (2)	4,831
3. 10	A	Reading	1	1	Thomas	4,660
4. 17	H	Bristol R.	1	1	Brown	4,821
5. 20	H	Fulham	3	2	Savage, Thompson, Morgan	4,289
6. 24	A	Aldershot	3	0	Stevens (2), Brookman	2,127
7. Oct. 1	H	Sheffield H.	2	0	Thompson (2), 1 Pen.	9,345
8. 4	A	Swansea C.	0	1		3,283
9. 8	H	Blackpool	2	2	Morgan, Thompson (Pen.)	7,106
10. 15	A	Port Vale	1	2	Brookman	7,985
11. 22	H	Wolves	1	2	Morgan	8,174
12. 25	A	Wigan A.	1	1	Brookman	4,438
13. 29	H	Chesterfield	5	0	Brown (2), Morgan (2), Stevens	4,783
14. Nov. 5	A	Bristol C.	1	1	Morgan	8,808
15. 8	A	Huddersf'd T.	1	0	Morgan	7,802
16. 12	H	Bury	2	4	Brown, Thompson	7,897
17. 26	H	Northampton T.	2	1	Stevens, Brookman	4,446
18. Dec. 3	A	Brentford	0	3		6,600
19. 17	H	Chester C.	0	1		4,318
20. 26	A	Preston N.E.	1	3	Savage	12,124
21. 31	A	Notts Co.	0	2		5,096
22. Jan. 2	H	Mansfield T.	0	0		4,936
23. 5	H	Gillingham	2	1	Stevens, Thompson (Pen.)	4,178
24. 14	A	Cardiff C.	0	1		4,212
25. 21	H	Reading	1	1	Henshaw	5,172
26. 28	A	Bristol R.	0	2		5,311
27. Feb. 4	A	Sheffield U.	0	4		11,162
28. 11	H	Swansea C.	1	0	Savage	4,278
29. 18	A	Blackpool	0	2		5,552
30. Mar. 4	A	Wolves	0	1		13,521
31. 11	H	Bristol C.	2	0	Darby (2)	4,423
32. 14	A	Chesterfield	1	1	Thompson	2,877
33. 18	H	Southend U.	0	0		3,505
34. 25	A	Mansfield T.	1	1	Savage	3,256
35. 27	H	Preston N.E.	1	0	Thompson	10,281
36. Apr. 1	A	Chester	0	0		3,225
37. 4	A	Gillingham	1	0	Thomas	3,096
38. 8	H	Notts Co.	3	3	Thomas, Thompson, Morgan	4,521
39. 15	A	Fulham	1	1	Morgan	4,950
40. 22	H	Aldershot	1	0	Savage	4,407
41. 25	H	Port Vale	1	1	Chandler	5,296
42. 29	A	Bury	0	0		4,393
43. May 1	H	Huddersf'd T.	3	1	Chandler, Morgan, Thomas	5,511
44. 6	H	Brentford	4	2	Thomas (2), Darby, Savage	4,627
45. 9	H	Wigan A.	1	1	Storer	6,166
46. 13	A	Northampton T.	3	2	Thomas (2), Storer	3,655

FINAL LEAGUE POSITION: 10th in Division Three

F.A. CUP

1. Nov. 19	H	Chesterfield	0	0		4,840
1R 28	A	Chesterfield	3	2	Stevens, Storer, Darby	4,168
2. Dec. 10	H	Port Vale	1	2	Keeley	7,499

LEAGUE CUP

1L Aug. 30	H	Chester C.	1	0	Darby	3,535
2L Sept. 7	H	Chester C.	1	3	Cowdrill	3,784

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES



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	P. BARNES	N. BROOKMAN	P. BROWN	M. CAME	J. CHANDLER	B. COWDRILL	D. CROMBIE	J. DARBY	S. ELLIOTT	D. FELGATE	G. HENSHAW	M. JEFFREY	N. JEMSON	G. KEELEY	T. MORGAN	P. NEAL	R. SAVAGE	I. STEVENS	S. STORER	J. THOMAS	S. THOMPSON	M. WINSTANLEY
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4.		2			3	'12	11	'10		1	4				'14				'17	9	8	6
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	Date	H/A	Opponent	F	A	Scorers
1.	Aug. 31	A	Mansfield T.	2	1	Callaghan, Still
2.	Sept. 7	H	Oldham A.	1	4	Chandler (Pen.)
3.	13	A	Rotherham U.	2	2	Stevens, Chandler
4.	21	H	Darlington	5	1	Stevens (2), Jeffrey, Brookman, Rodwell (o/g)
5.	Oct. 5	H	Notts. Co.	4	2	Neal, Storer, Brookman, McKearney
6.	12	H	Hull C.	4	0	Brookman, Davies, Moran, Thomas
7.	19	A	Port Vale	4	1	Stevens (3), Davies
8.	24	A	Middlesbrough	1	0	Chandler
9.	Nov. 2	H	Doncaster R.	4	0	Jeffrey (3), Chandler (Pen.)
10.	9	A	Wigan A.	2	1	Storer, Jeffrey
11.	16	H	Blackpool	3	1	Storer, Henshaw, Jeffrey
12.	23	A	Grimsby T.	2	2	Stevens (2)
13.	30	H	York C.	1	1	Chandler
14.	Dec. 14	S	Scunthorpe U.	4	1	Storer (2), Henshaw, Neal
15.	21	H	Preston N.E.	1	0	Jeffrey
16.	Jan. 11	H	Mansfield T.	2	2	Barnes, Jeffrey
17.	18	A	York C.	3	2	Jeffrey (2), Thomas
18.	25	H	Stoke C.	1	1	Stevens
19.	Feb. 1	H	Middlesbrough	1	2	Thomas
20.	7	A	Notts. Co.	0	4	—
21.	15	H	Port Vale	5	0	Stevens (2), Jeffrey (2), Henshaw
22.	22	A	Hull C.	1	3	Henshaw
23.	Mar. 8	A	Doncaster R.	3	0	Chandler (Pen.), Stevens, Brookman
24.	15	A	Darlington	2	2	Brookman, Stevens
25.	29	H	Rotherham U.	2	1	Stevens (2)
26.	Apr. 5	A	Preston N.E.	3	6	Morgan (3)
27.	12	H	Bradford C.	2	4	Henshaw, Jeffrey
28.	26	H	Grimsby T.	4	1	Jeffrey (3), Stevens
29.	May 3	A	Stoke C.	1	1	Stevens
30.	9	A	Bradford C.	0	1	—
31.	12	A	Blackpool	5	2	Stevens (2), Callaghan, Brookman, Henshaw
32.	15	A	Oldham A.	1	1	Stevens
33.	17	H	Scunthorpe U.	0	2	—
34.	19	H	Wigan A.	1	0	Storer

CENTRAL LEAGUE - DIVISION 2 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull City	34	25	3	6	82	38	78
Notts. C.	34	20	8	6	77	48	68
Bradford	34	19	7	8	78	53	64
Oldham Ath.	34	18	8	8	67	39	62
Bolton W.	34	18	8	8	77	52	62
Stoke C.	34	17	10	7	60	38	61
Middlesb.	34	15	7	12	78	61	52
Darlington	34	13	7	14	50	60	46
Rotherham	34	12	6	16	60	64	42
Grimsby T.	34	12	5	17	47	61	41
Blackpool	34	12	5	17	52	78	41
Preston N.E.	34	12	4	18	56	63	40
Port Vale	34	11	6	17	44	58	39
York City	34	10	8	16	52	58	38
Mansfield T.	34	9	11	14	59	68	38
Wigan A.	34	7	11	16	44	60	32
Scunthorpe U.	34	8	7	19	39	68	31
Doncaster R.	34	4	7	23	31	86	19

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton A.	32	24	4	4	86	32	76
Man. Utd. A.	32	21	6	5	89	35	69
Liverpool A.	32	17	8	7	48	37	59
Man. City. A.	32	15	9	8	73	53	54
Bury Res.	32	17	3	12	65	62	54
Marine Res.	32	17	3	12	47	47	54
Crews Alex. A.	32	16	5	11	91	62	53
Preston N.E.	32	15	4	13	81	60	49
Carlisle Utd. R.	32	13	4	15	50	66	43
Stockport Co. R.	32	12	6	14	53	46	42
Blackburn R. A.	32	12	6	14	61	59	42
Bolton Wand. A.	32	12	6	14	53	58	42
Rochdale R.	32	9	8	15	45	72	35
Burnley R.	32	9	5	18	58	61	32
Morcambe R.	32	5	8	19	34	75	23
UMIST	32	6	5	21	27	71	23
Acorn. St. R.	32	5	4	23	28	94	19

IN RESERVE 1988/89



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Ian Stevens, seen here scoring against Northampton Town, headed the Club's reserve scoring chart for the third season.

The reserves missed promotion to division one of the Central League by the most slender of margins. It would be easy to go back over the season and pick out moments where an extra point could have been made up but that would be detrimental to what was an exciting term.

In any other season since the Central League was split into two division 62 points would have been enough to secure promotion. Add to that fact the eighteen victories were the most by the club in a season since 1962/63 and the eight defeats incurred equal the clubs best, set in the league's inaugural season in 1911/12.

Goals flowed for most of the time with the 77 scored being the most since 1962/63 and, but for some mishaps towards the end, the goals against column of 52 would have surely looked much healthier.

A last minute goal from Kevin Still gave Bolton a 2-1 success in the opening game of the season at Mansfield. Defeat at home to Oldham in which Mike Jeffrey made his debut and a draw at Rotherham, before a 2000 crowd eager to claim tickets for their Littlewoods Cup tie with Manchester United, meant a steady start to the campaign.

Things then began to move with a 5-1 defeat of Darlington at Burnden, this after the visitors had held a half time lead and four goals being netted in three consecutive games against fellow promotion rivals Hull City, Notts County and Port Vale. Ian Stevens grabbed his first hat trick for the club in the 4-1 success at Vale Park and the Wanderers went to the top of the table after a 1-0 win at Middlesbrough.

Mike Jeffrey followed Stevens by hitting his first hat trick in a 4-0 home win over lowly Doncaster as the unbeaten run continued to gain momentum.

The Club's first visit to Glanford Park, home of Scunthorpe, ended in



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a 4-1 victory with influential player-manager Phil Neal netting one of the goals, just as he had done in the previous terms game at the Old Show Ground.

The New Year brought some hiccups, notably two home draws against Mansfield and Stoke, but it was against rivals Middlesbrough at Burnden that a sixteen game undefeated run came to an end when they converted a last minute penalty.

A heavy defeat at Notts County brought about the sides first away reversal of the season but a 5-0 home win over Port Vale a week later seemed to have restored the confidence.

Promotion continued to be on the cards although it was now a case of the Wanderers having to win games in hand, to make up lost ground. Unfortunately two successive defeats in which ten goals were conceded came during April.

Despite fielding a strong side at Preston the home team won 6-3 after leading by five clear goals at one stage. Trevor Morgan hit a hat trick on the plastic pitch and a week later rivals Bradford City won 4-2 at Burnden.

A 1-1 draw at Stoke, against a virtual second division side, seemed to have put the brakes on their challenge and keep the Wanderers hopes alive but they were left with a tough run in.

Only one point was taken from visits to rivals Bradford and Oldham and the Wanderers had to come from behind to win 5-2 at Blackpool. This at least left the Wanderers knowing what they had to do—victory over both Scunthorpe and Wigan at Burnden.

It was a pity that the Wanderers had one of their rare off nights of the season and allowed Scunthorpe to take the points back over the Pennines. The first team took part in the final game against Wigan, used for their Wembley preparations and took the points, but it proved too late.

Despite one or two lapses Gareth Gray had a reasonable term in goal where he missed out on an everpresent tag only because of Dave Felgate's participation in the final game.

The emergence of Mike Jeffrey has proved the Wanderers can still bring their own players through the ranks and other youngsters who made their debuts, and should show better things during 1989/90, include Alan Stubbs, Darren Oliver and Dave Roberts.



He was closely followed by Mike Jeffrey, who made his league debut during 1988/89 and is seen here in action against Wrexham.

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OTHER RESERVE GAMES

1st August, 1988. Friendly v Bootle (A)

Won 2-1 Scorers: Stevens, Callaghan

10th August, 1988. Friendly v Knowsley (A)

Lost 2-4 Scorer: Brookman (2)

16th August, 1988. Friendly v Ashton Town (A)

Won 3-1 Scorers: Jeffrey, Ford, Morgan

F.A. YOUTH CUP

10th September, 1988. Qualifying Round v Marine (A)

Won 3-0 Scorers: Spooner (2), Jeffrey

28th September, 1988. 1st Round v Huddersfield T. (A)

Drew 1-1 Scorer: Stubbs

3rd October, 1988. 1st Round Replay v Huddersfield T. (H)

Lost 1-2 Scorer: Jeffrey

LANCASHIRE F.A. YOUTH CUP

January 30th, 1989. 2nd Round v Oldham Athletic (H)

Won 3-0 Scorer: Jeffrev (3)

6th March, 1989. Semi Final v Manchester City (H)

Lost 0-3

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Qualifying Round

6th December, 1988 v Preston North End (H)

Won 1-0 Scorer: Thompson (Pen.) Att. 2,695

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Brookman, Crombie, Winstanley, Henshaw, Thompson, Storer, Stevens, Darby. Subs: Jeffrey for Storer.



Nicky Brookman goes close with a header against Preston.

20th December, 1988 v Bury (A)

Lost 0-1 Att. 2,023

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage, Keeley, Winstanley, Brookman, Thompson, Morgan, Stevens, Darby. Subs: Henshaw for Brookman, Neal for Morgan.

1st Round

17th January, 1989 v Preston North End (A)

Won 1-0 Scorer: Darby Att. 5,569

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Darby, Keeley, Winstanley, Henshaw, Thompson, Morgan, Brookman, Chandler.



Julian Darby cracks the winner at Deepdale.



2nd Round

21st February, 1989 v Wrexham (H)

Won 3-1 after extra time

Scorers: Winstanley (2), Savage. Att. 3,833

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage, Crombie, Winstanley, Storer, Thompson, Morgan, Jeffrey, Darby. Sub: Thomas for Storer.



Mark Winstanley's stunning equaliser against Wrexham.

Semi Final

21st March, 1989 v Crewe Alexandra (A)

Won 2-1 after extra time

Scorers: Winstanley, Brown. Att. 5,875

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage, Crombie, Winstanley, Storer, Thompson, Thomas, Jeffrey, Darby. Sub: Chandler for Storer.

NORTHERN FINAL

1st Leg

11th April, 1989 v Blackpool (H)

Won 1-0 Scorer: Darby Att. 10,345

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage, Crombie, Winstanley, Chandler, Thompson, Thomas, Morgan, Darby. Sub: Storer for Savage.



Julian Darby sees his shot hit the net for the winner and celebrates with Jeff Chandler and Barry Cowdrill.

SHERPA VAN TROPHY 1988/89



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2nd Leg

18th April, 1989 v Blackpool (A)

Drew 1-1 after extra time

Scorer: Thompson (Pen.) Att. 9,027

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage, Crombie, Winstanley, Chandler, Thompson, Thomas, Morgan, Darby.



Steve Thompson—cool as you like from the penalty spot—Wembley here we come!

Wanderers celebrate after reaching Wembley.



Final

28th May, 1989

v Torquay United at Wembley

Won 4-1 Scorers: Darby, Morrison

(OG), Crombie, Morgan.

Att. 46,513

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Savage, Crombie, Winstanley, Chandler, Thompson, Thomas, Morgan, Darby. Sub: Storer for Chandler.



Dean Crombie chips Kenny Allen for the Wanderers third goal at Wembley and the celebrations begin.

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scoring the third goal
against Huddersfield?
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1989/90 FIXTURES

BARCLAY'S LEAGUE

Aug.	19	Cardiff City	A
	22	Rochdale (LC)	A
	26	Fulham	H
	29	Rochdale (LC)	H
Sept.	2	Huddersfield T.	A
	9	Bristol Rovers	H
	16	Rotherham Utd.	A
	23	Leyton Orient	H
	26	Notts Co.	A
	30	Mansfield Town	H
Oct.	7	Wigan Athletic	H
	14	Crewe Alexandra	A
	17	Brentford	A
	21	Chester City	H
	28	Preston N.E.	A
	31	Walsall	H
Nov.	4	Swansea City	H
	11	Bristol City	A
	18	F.A. Cup 1	
	25	Birmingham City	A
Dec.	2	Northampton Town	H
	9	F.A. Cup 2	
	16	Shrewsbury Town	A
	26	Blackpool	H
	30	Bury	H
Jan.	1	Tranmere Rovers	A
	6	Reading (FAC3)	H
	13	Fulham	A
	20	Cardiff City	H
	27	Bristol Rovers (FAC4)	A
Feb.	3	Leyton Orient	A
	10	Rotherham Utd.	H
	13	Huddersfield Town	H
	17	Northampton Town (FAC5)	A
	24	Birmingham City	H
Mar.	3	Reading	A
	6	Mansfield Town	A
	10	Notts Co. (FAC6)	H
	17	Wigan Athletic	A
	20	Crewe Alexandra	H
	24	Brentford	H
	31	Chester City	A
Apr.	7	Preston N.E. (FAC SF)	H
	10	Walsall	A
	14	Tranmere Rovers	H

Apr.	16	Blackpool	A
	21	Shrewsbury Town	H
	24	Bury	A
	28	Bristol City	H
May	5	Swansea City	A
	12	FA Cup Final	

PONTIN'S LEAGUE

Aug.	23	Sheffield W. (LC1/1L)	A
	30	Stoke C. (LC1/2L)	H
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A
	13	York City	H
	19	Burnley	A
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L	
	27	Blackpool	H
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L	
	11	Preston N.E.	H
	18	Port Vale	A
	25	Wolverhampton W. (LC3)	H
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H
	15	Sunderland	A
	22	Scunthorpe Utd. (LC4)	A
	29	Barnsley	H
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A
	13	Middlesbrough	H
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A
	3	Stoke City	A
	10	Sheffield W.	H
	17	York City (LC5)	A
	24	West Brom. Albion	H
	31	Burnley	H
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A
	12	Preston N.E.	A
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L	
	21	Mansfield T.	H
	28	Barnsley (LC SF/2L)	A
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H
	10	Middlesbrough	A
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H
	30	Wigan Ath.	A
May	2	Sunderland	H